

TRAC Meeting: Agricultural Subcommittee Minutes

January 12, 2011

Staff and Member Attendees

Brasil	Tony	Air Resources Board
Brink	Steven	California Forestry Assoc.
Buttner	Paul	California Rice Commission
Cline	C. Adam	Donaldson Co.
Humphreys	Virginia	Air Resources Board
Kathleen	Mead	Air Resources Board
Nunes	Ron	Air Resources Board
Simpson	Charlie	E.M. Tharp, Inc/Peterbilt
White	Beth	Air Resources Board
Wegis	Robert	Grimmway Enterprises

Discussion Items:

- July 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes Review
- General Changes to the Truck and Bus Rule and Agricultural Provision
- Updated Agricultural Provision Fact Sheet
- ARB's Outreach Plan
- On-line Reporting and Reporting Forms
- Future Meeting Action Items

Minutes Review

- Meeting minutes for the July 14, 2010 subcommittee meeting were posted to ARB's website for members to review. Subcommittee members had no comments and the minutes were approved.

General Changes to the Truck and Bus Regulation and Agricultural Provision

- An update was provided to subcommittee members regarding the summary of changes to the Truck and Bus regulation with emphasis on the agricultural provision. Details were provided regarding the changes to the layout of the agricultural vehicles provision and logic behind dropping the low and limited agricultural vehicle terms. Members responded that they may still need to use the old terms when communicating with their members since that was the terminology used last year to avoid confusion.
- A discussion of the changes focused primarily on the extension of the agricultural reporting deadline to March 31, 2011, and the addition of lettuce trucks to specialty agricultural vehicle. Members were receptive of the addition of the new category being that the regulatory limit for specialty agricultural vehicles had not been exceeded.

- Committee members voiced support of the simplified regulatory language changes with the understanding that no fundamental changes occurred.
- Subcommittee members were informed that the reporting date for agricultural vehicles has been extended to March 31, 2011 and that the mileage limits requirements would begin January 1, 2011 rather than January 1, 2010.

Updated Agricultural Provision Fact Sheet

- Staff provided a copy of the agricultural provision fact sheet to committee members with a request for feedback. The members stressed the need to disseminate information as soon as possible.
- Drayage Truck regulatory requirements were discussed briefly. The need to clarify that agricultural equipment that goes to the port must meet the requirements of the Drayage Truck regulation was expressed.

ARB's Outreach Plan

- An update was provided to subcommittee members regarding ARB's outreach plan specific to reporting for agricultural vehicles. Members stressed the need to get information into the hands of the agricultural communities as soon as possible since the March 31, 2011 reporting deadline was quickly approaching.
- Committee members noted that the work shop schedule concentrated heavily on the central valley and that more workshops in the coastal and northern parts of the state could be useful. Members asked that staff consider adding workshops to these areas as well.

On-Line Reporting

- Staff gave members an update on the on-line reporting system including preview of how the interface would look and what types of reporting and changes fleets could utilize.
- Staff provided an update to subcommittee members on the status of the notification letters being sent to agricultural fleet owners that reported last year. Staff estimated that about 500 to 1,000 batches of notifications would be mailed until all notifications were sent.
- Members expressed concern regarding the delay of notification to fleets that reported during the March 2010 deadline.

Reporting Forms

- Staff provided members a draft copy of the reporting forms for comment. Members had numerous suggestions on how to improve the forms and make them clearer and easier to understand. Members also expressed concern about fleets that do not use computers and how they would acquire the paper forms. Staff responded by assuring members that forms would be mailed to anyone who

makes a request that that associations may also assist their members with acquiring the reporting forms.

Action Items

- Report back on status of reporting for the March 2011 deadline.
- Report back on status regarding the number of vehicles that qualified for specialty agricultural vehicle and how fleets will be notified.